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# Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

- ❖ The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) carries out international exchanges that include more than 40,000 individuals on an annual basis.
- ❖ These exchanges enhance mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other nations.

# Who are ECA's Alumni?

- ❖ There are more than 1,000,000 alumni worldwide.
- ❖ These alumni are extraordinary people including more than 340 heads of state, 48 Nobel Laureates, CEO's, leading academics, and citizens committed to improving their local communities.

# What is State Alumni?

- ❖ Interactive, dynamic and password-protected, [alumni.state.gov](http://alumni.state.gov) provides a central place for members to meet, share, learn, and collaborate.
- ❖ Current participants and alumni of U.S. government-sponsored programs are eligible to join State Alumni.
- ❖ All members are verified before being given full access.



# What does State Alumni offer?

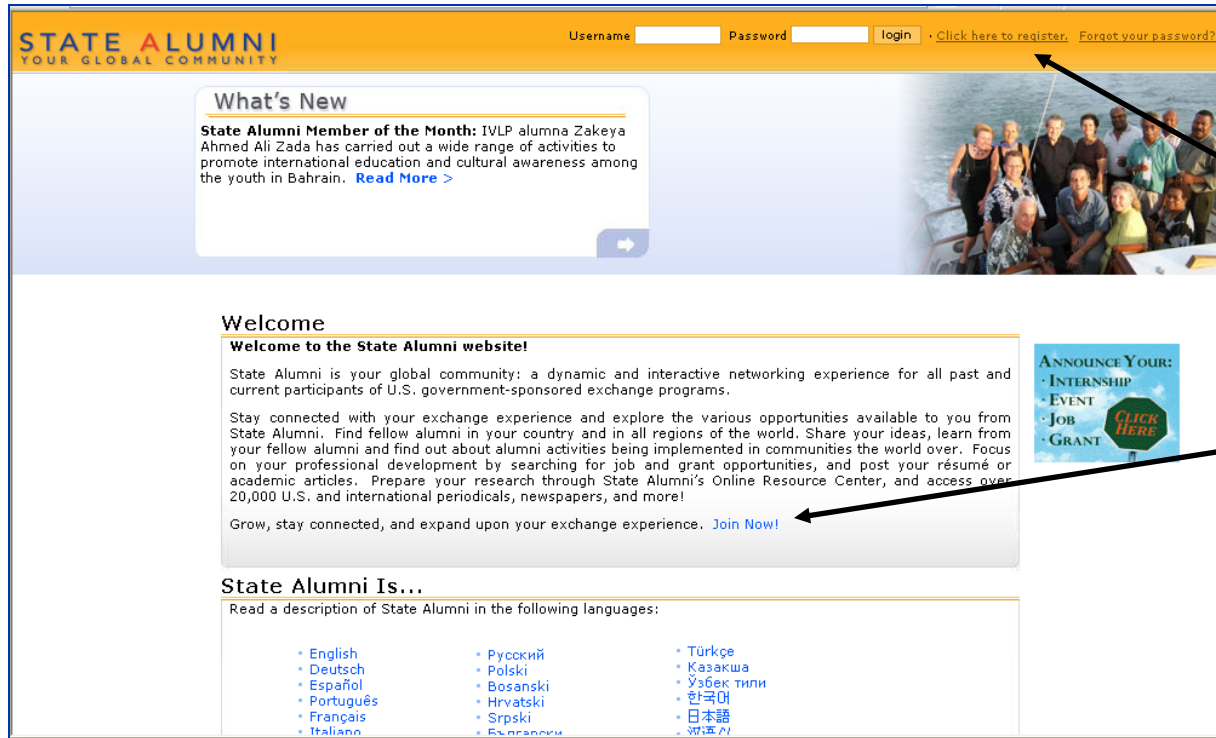
State Alumni is a global community with more than 65,000 members.

*Once members, alumni and current participants can:*

- Network with alumni from other exchange programs
- Find grant and job opportunities
- Access free periodicals, newspapers and more
- Find the latest research in their field, plus career-enhancing information
- Participate in Q&A Live discussions with experts
- Share their experience with a global audience
- Read alumni success stories, perspectives and ideas
- Stay involved through a local alumni association

# How Do Alumni Sign Up?

<https://alumni.state.gov>



Alumni join by going to State Alumni and selecting “**Click Here to Register**” in the top right-hand corner or “**Join Now**” in the center of the page.

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# State Alumni Highlights

## Connect and Network with Other Alumni

Profile
My Contributions (5)
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**Mr Brandon Marc Takashi Higa**


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**Visit my website at** <http://>


**Program**  
**Name:** Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes  
**Year:** 2007/06 - 2007/08  
**Field of Study:** International Relations/Area Studies  
**Impact Statement:**  
 I participated in the CLS - Korea program two years after graduation. CLS gave me a second chance to study U.S.-Asia regional security issues through first hand experience. I was able to visit parts of Seoul that are directly affected by the U.S. military presence that I researched at the EWC and during graduate school. Through my CLS experience, I was able to gain a broader perspective of U.S.-Asia security conditions and extrapolate on my experiences living and studying in Japan.


**Program**  
**Name:** NSEP Boren Fellows  
**Year:** 2004/09 - 2005/06  
**Field of Study:** Language & Literature  
**Impact Statement:**  
 As a recipient of the NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, I participated in Stanford University's ten-month advanced, intensive Japanese language training program in Yokohama, Japan. I received funding to continue my graduate research on the impacts of U.S. military bases in Japan and how this affects the bilateral security relationship between the U.S. and Japan. Upon the completion of my language training, I interned at the National Diet of Japan Upper House and the U.S. Embassy at Tokyo, focusing on Japan's free trade agreement policies and food security policies.


**Program**  
**Name:** East-West Center  
**Year:** 2004/06 - 2004/08  
**Field of Study:** International Relations/Area Studies  
**Impact Statement:**  
 The second research internship I completed at the EWC was completely different than the first in that in addition to analyzing U.S.-Japan security issues, I worked closely with a web development team to launch the public and private websites for Dr. Sheila Smith's "Shifting Terrain" project.  
 I frequently attended brown bag lectures and other events, which sparked my curiosity to learn


- ❖ **Connect** with others in their hometown or country.
- ❖ **Network** and engage with other alumni from around the world.
- ❖ **Share photos.**


**Maer Shan**  
  
 Tourists watch fireworks at Maer Shan, China, on July 5, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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**Maer Shan 162**  
  
 Tourists dance and sing karaoke at Maer Shan, China, on July 5, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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**D5C02351**  
  
 Migrant from Hebei province rests after early morning work as a landscaper in Beijing, China, on August 24, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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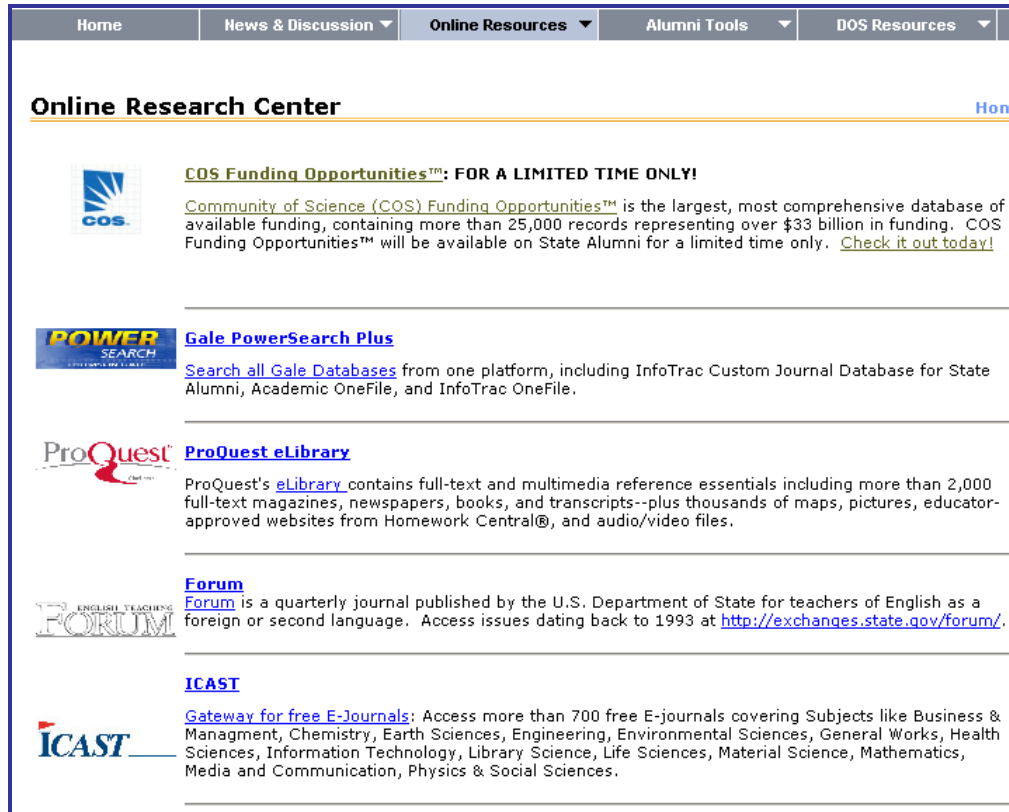
**D5C01972**  
  
 Grandfather holds his granddaughter at the entrance of their home in Beijing, China, on August 16, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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**D5C02412**  
  
 Man peers through his song bird's cage in Beijing, China, on August 22, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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**D5C02384**  
  
 Woman from Henan province cooks mantou for her husband and son at their television repair shop in Beijing, China, on August 24, 2009. Beckie Lowenstein  
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## *Research Center, Jobs and Grants Listings*



The screenshot shows the 'Online Research Center' section of the State Alumni website. It features a navigation bar with links: Home, News & Discussion, Online Resources, Alumni Tools, and DOS Resources. Below the navigation bar, the 'Online Research Center' title is displayed. The main content area lists several resources:

- COS Funding Opportunities™: FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!**  
Community of Science (COS) Funding Opportunities™ is the largest, most comprehensive database of available funding, containing more than 25,000 records representing over \$33 billion in funding. COS Funding Opportunities™ will be available on State Alumni for a limited time only. [Check it out today!](#)
- Gale PowerSearch Plus**  
[Search all Gale Databases](#) from one platform, including InfoTrac Custom Journal Database for State Alumni, Academic OneFile, and InfoTrac OneFile.
- ProQuest eLibrary**  
ProQuest's [eLibrary](#) contains full-text and multimedia reference essentials including more than 2,000 full-text magazines, newspapers, books, and transcripts--plus thousands of maps, pictures, educator-approved websites from Homework Central®, and audio/video files.
- Forum**  
[Forum](#) is a quarterly journal published by the U.S. Department of State for teachers of English as a foreign or second language. Access issues dating back to 1993 at <http://exchanges.state.gov/forum/>.
- ICAST**  
[Gateway for free E-Journals](#): Access more than 700 free E-journals covering Subjects like Business & Management, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, General Works, Health Sciences, Information Technology, Library Science, Life Sciences, Material Science, Mathematics, Media and Communication, Physics & Social Sciences.

- ❖ Free access to more than **20,000 periodicals, newspapers and journals** – including abstracts, full-text articles and multimedia.
- ❖ New **job and grant opportunities** around the world are posted daily!
- ❖ Free access to more than **\$33 billion** in grants and funding opportunities.



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## Participate in Q&A Live Web Chats and Discussion Forums

❖ Join top officials and experts to discuss a variety of topics in Q&A Live Web chats

❖ Suggest a guest or a topic for a Q&A Live discussion

The screenshot displays the State Alumni website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, News & Discussion, Online Resources, and Alumni Tools. A sidebar on the right offers options to Browse By Region (World Wide, SELECT A REGION) and a list of Communities (Alumni Association Resources Community, Benjamin A. Gilman Program Community, Bolivian Alumni Community, My Profile). The main content area features a 'Recent Alumni News' section with several articles, including one about Ambassador Craig Kelly. A red box highlights a 'Q&A Live Discussion: Ambassador Craig Kelly on the Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas Initiative' announcement. Below this, a detailed view of the discussion is shown, including the date (Thursday Oct 30, 2008 at 13:00 CDT), the guest (Craig Kelly), the moderator (Kristin Smith), and a description of the initiative.

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Q&A Live Discussion: Ambassador Craig Kelly on the Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas Initiative

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Recent Alumni News

U.S. Edward Murrow Journalist Interviewed about Exchange Experience KATHMANDU, Nepal -- On December 1, 2008, Nepali International Visitor Leadership Program alumna Chhatra Karki was featured in Newsfront, an... [Read More >](#)

Ugandan Alumni Gather For Screening of Call It Democracy KAMPALA, Uganda -- On December 5, 2008, the U.S. Embassy in Kampala's Public Affairs Officer (PAO), Lisa Heilbronn, hosted a... [Read More >](#)

Alumni Coordinator in Eastern Ukraine Recognized for His Commitment to the FLEX Alumni Program KHARKIV, Ukraine -- Second year FLEX Alumni Coordinator (AC) Artem Sokolsky, FLEX '05, who works alongside with and coordinates the... [Read More >](#)

More News >

Browse By Region

World Wide

SELECT A REGION

Welcome Rebecca

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Communities

- Alumni Association Resources Community
- Benjamin A. Gilman Program Community
- Bolivian Alumni Community
- My Profile

Q&A Live Discussion: Ambassador Craig Kelly on the Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas Initiative

Where: Thursday Oct 30, 2008 at 13:00 CDT

Guest:

Craig Kelly

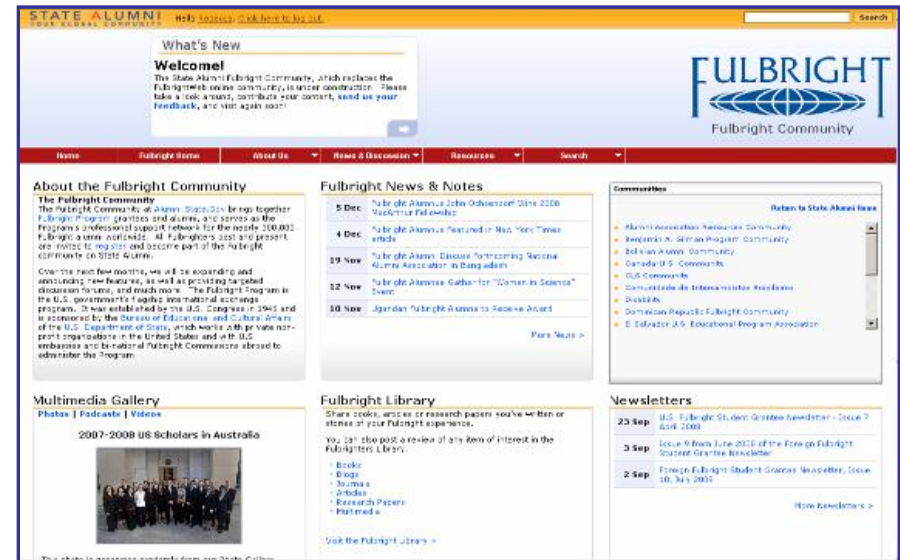
Moderated By: Kristin Smith (Moderator)

Description:

Ambassador Craig Kelly, a Fulbright alumnus currently serving as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, joined State Alumni live on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT (10:00-11:00 GMT) to discuss the free trade initiative Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas. Pathways was announced by President Bush and eleven other leaders of Western Hemisphere nations on September 24, 2008. The initiative was adopted to ensure that the benefits of trade and investment liberalization are broadly shared throughout Latin America and the United States. Specifically, Pathways provides a forum for leaders to discuss trade opportunities and to exchange best practices for labor and environmental standards and enforcement, deepens connections among regional markets and further reduces barriers to trade, increases awareness of international trade

# Communities on State Alumni

- ❖ State Alumni hosts more than 60 communities. These communities function as websites within a website under the larger umbrella of State Alumni.
- ❖ Communities allow for content and specialized sections to be tailored to specific alumni groups, based on programs, themes, languages, or countries.
- ❖ A Community can host discussion forums, Q&A sessions, photos, calendars, and general information.



# Alumni Activities

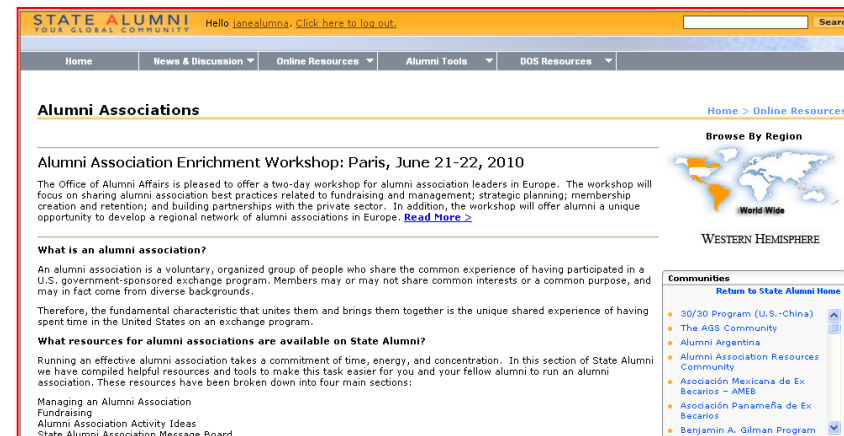
## Alumni Associations



*The Alumni Association section on State Alumni contains best practice ideas and association contacts.*

<https://alumni.state.gov/alumni-association-resources>

- ❖ Alumni can join an alumni association and actively participate in events, volunteer activities and projects!
- ❖ No association nearby? Alumni can find other alumni through the State Alumni website and start an association.



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### Alumni Associations

Home > Online Resources

Browse By Region

Alumni Association Enrichment Workshop: Paris, June 21-22, 2010

The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to offer a two-day workshop for alumni association leaders in Europe. The workshop will focus on sharing alumni association best practices related to fundraising and management; strategic planning; membership creation and retention; and building partnerships with the private sector. In addition, the workshop will offer alumni a unique opportunity to develop a regional network of alumni associations in Europe. [Read More >](#)

**What is an alumni association?**

An alumni association is a voluntary, organized group of people who share the common experience of having participated in a U.S. government-sponsored exchange program. Members may or may not share common interests or a common purpose, and may in fact come from diverse backgrounds.

Therefore, the fundamental characteristic that unites them and brings them together is the unique shared experience of having spent time in the United States on an exchange program.

**What resources for alumni associations are available on State Alumni?**

Running an effective alumni association takes a commitment of time, energy, and concentration. In this section of State Alumni we have compiled helpful resources and tools to make this task easier for you and your fellow alumni to run an alumni association. These resources have been broken down into four main sections:

- Managing an Alumni Association
- Fundraising
- Alumni Association Activity Ideas
- State Alumni Association Message Board

Communities

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- 30/30 Program (U.S.-China)
- The AGS Community
- Alumni Argentina
- Alumni Association Resources Community
- Asociación Mexicana de Ex Becarios - AMEB
- Asociación Panameña de Ex Becarios
- Benjamin A. Gilman Program

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